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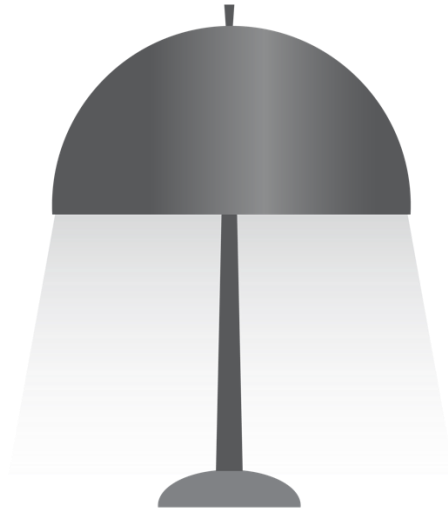
Welcome! We thank God that you have joined us at worship today.

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Today we gather together in the presence of God. He is present among us in a special way through his Word and Sacrament. We acknowledge our sin and rejoice in the good news of forgiveness through the life and death of Christ. This is the focus of our worship.

January 16 & 19, 2025
2nd Sunday after Epiphany



EPIPHANY

moments

God Delivers More Than We Ask, Not Less

It is easy for us to assume that if God says “no” to a request, we are getting less than we wanted. We need to have an epiphany moment, seeing the reality—that God always wants more for us than we want from him. Saying “yes” to all our requests would often result in us receiving less joy, less blessing, a lesser life. So, when God says “no” to our request, we can be assured it is because he wants to give us more. Far more than existing as a “help desk” or 911 dispatch, God’s love for us is like that of a groom for his bride. His love for us exceeds all expectation and understanding. In that love, God always delivers more than we ask, not less.

Opening Hymn

Take the World, but Give Me Jesus CW 699



1 Take the world, but give me Je - sus, all its
2 Take the world, but give me Je - sus, sweet-est
3 Take the world, but give me Je - sus; in his



joys are but a name; but his love a - bides for -
com - fort of my soul; with the Sav - ior watch - ing
cross my trust shall be till with clear - er, bright - er



ev - er, through e - ter - nal years the same.
o'er me, I can sing, though thun - ders roll.
vi - sion face to face my Lord I see.

Refrain



Oh, the height and depth of mer - cy! Oh, the



length and breadth of love! Oh, the full - ness of re -



demp - tion, pledge of end - less life a - bove!

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Stand

M: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

CONFESSION OF SINS AND ABSOLUTION

M: Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

C: **Blessed are they whose sin the Lord does not count against them.**

Hymn

Chief of Sinners Though I Be CW 578:1,4



1 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Je - sus shed his
4 Chief of sin - ners though I be, Christ is all in



blood for me, died that I might live on high,
all to me; all my wants to him are known,



lives that I might nev - er die. As the branch is
all my sor - rows are his own. Safe with him in



to the vine, I am his and he is mine!
earth - ly strife, I a - wait the heav'n - ly life.

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M: Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

C: **Almighty and merciful Father,**

we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed our own selfish ways and the desires of our hearts.

We have offended you and sinned against your holy law.

We have done those things that we should not have done,

and we have not done those things that we should have done.

Have mercy on us, Lord!

Spare us, forgive us, and restore us,

according to your promises in Christ Jesus.

Silence for meditation and reflection

M: Our gracious Father in heaven has been merciful to us. He sent his only Son, Jesus Christ, who gave his life as the atoning sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the (†) Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

M: In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord.

Hymn

Chief of Sinners Though I Be CW 578:2-3



2 Oh, the height of Je - sus' love, high - er than the
3 On - ly Je - sus can im - part com - fort to a



heav'ns a - bove, deep - er than the depths of sea,
wound - ed heart, peace that flows from sin for - giv'n,



last - ing as e - ter - ni - ty, love that found me—
joy that lifts the soul to heav'n, faith and hope to



won - drous thought— found me when I sought him not.
walk with God in the way that E - noch trod.

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Prayer of the Day

M: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you gave your one and only Son to be the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and believed to the ends of the earth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Be Seated

Choir (*Sunday 8:00 am*)

1 Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesus, Lord, to you we raise,
 manifested by the star
 to the Magi from afar,
branch of royal David's stem,
in your birth at Bethlehem.
 Anthems be to you addressed,
 God in man made manifest.

2 Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme,
 and at Cana, wedding guest,
 in your Godhead manifest;
manifest in pow'r divine,
changing water into wine.
 Anthems be to you addressed,
 God in man made manifest.

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

5 Grant us grace to see you, Lord,
mirrored in your holy Word.
 May our lives and all we do
 imitate and honor you
that we all like you may be
at your great epiphany
 and may praise you, ever blest,
 God in man made manifest.

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THE WORD

First Lesson

Isaiah 62:1-5

The prophet Isaiah pictures the Church's relationship with the Lord as an infinitely happy marriage. As our bridegroom, Christ delivers more than that for which we ask.

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet,
till her vindication shines out like the dawn,
her salvation like a blazing torch.

²The nations will see your vindication,
and all kings your glory;
you will be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will bestow.

³You will be a crown of splendor in the LORD's hand,
a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

⁴No longer will they call you Deserted,
or name your land Desolate.

But you will be called Hephzibah,
and your land Beulah;
for the LORD will take delight in you,
and your land will be married.

⁵As a young man marries a young woman,
so will your Builder marry you;
as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride,
so will your God rejoice over you. (NIV)

Psalm of the Day

I Will Praise Your Name Forever Psalm 145b CW

Refrain



I will praise your name for - ev - er, my King and my God.

Tone



Great is the LORD and most wor- / thy of praise;
his greatness no one can / fathom.

One generation commends your works to an- / other;
they tell of your / mighty acts.

The LORD upholds / all who fall
and lifts up all who are / bowed down. *Refrain*

The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food at the / proper time.

You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every / living thing.

The LORD is near to all who / call on him,
to all who call on / him in truth.

He fulfills the desires of those who / fear him;
he hears their cry and / saves them.

**Glory be to the Father and / to the Son
and to the Holy / Spirit,**

as it was in the be- / ginning,

is now, and will be forever. / Amen. *Refrain*

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Second Lesson

Ephesians 3:14–21

The Apostle Paul teaches that God wants us to have a life that is fuller than we could possibly imagine.

¹⁴For this reason I kneel before the Father, ¹⁵from whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name. ¹⁶I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being, ¹⁷so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith. And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, ¹⁸may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, ¹⁹and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

²⁰Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, ²¹to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen. (NIV)

Verse of the Day

M: Alleluia. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. Alleluia. (John 1:14 NIV)

Stand

Gospel

John 2:1-11

To spare a newlywed couple embarrassment from having run out of wine, Mary asks Jesus to do something. Jesus delivers more than his mother asks, turning water into the choicest of wine.

¹On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ²and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, "They have no more wine."

⁴"Woman, why do you involve me?" Jesus replied. "My hour has not yet come."

⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

⁶Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from twenty to thirty gallons.

⁷Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water"; so they filled them to the brim.

⁸Then he told them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet."

They did so, ⁹and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realize where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside ¹⁰and said, "Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now."

¹¹What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him. (NIV)

M: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be Seated

Hymn of the Day

Arise and Shine in Splendor CW 375



1 A - rise and shine in splen - dor; let night to
2 See earth in dark - ness ly - ing, the hea - then
3 Lift up your eyes in won - der— see, na - tions
4 Your heart will leap for glad - ness when from the



day sur - ren - der. Your light is draw - ing near.
na - tions dy - ing in hope - less gloom and night.
gath - er yon - der from sin to be set free.
realms of sad - ness they come from near and far.



A - bove, the day is beam - ing, in match - less beau - ty
To you the Lord of heav - en— your life, your hope— has
The world has heard your sto - ry; her sons come to your
Your eyes will wake from slum - ber as peo - ple with - out



gleam - ing; the glo - ry of the Lord is here.
giv - en great glo - ry, hon - or, and de - light.
glo - ry, her daugh - ters haste your light to see.
num - ber re - joice to see the Morn - ing Star.

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Sermon

Jesus Reveals Who He Always Is

John 2:1-11

Pastor David Ruddat

Stand

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Be Seated

Offering

Stand

Please sign the friendship register located in your pew.

Guests please don't feel a necessity to give an offering today. *"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver"* (2 Corinthians 9:7).

Prayer of the Church

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

M: O Lord God, our heavenly Father, pour out the Holy Spirit on your faithful people.
Keep us strong in your grace and truth, protect and comfort us in all temptation,
and bestow on us your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen**

Benediction

M: Brothers and sisters, go in peace. Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

Be Seated

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Closing Hymn

In Christ Alone CW 510



1 In Christ a - lone my hope is found; he is my
2 In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of
3 There in the ground his bod - y lay, light of the
4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light, my strength, my song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id
God in help - less babe; this gift of love and right - eous -
world by dark - ness slain; then burst - ing forth in glo - rious
pow'r of Christ in me; from life's first cry to fi - nal



ground, firm through the fier - est drought and storm.
ness, scorned by the ones he came to save.
day, up from the grave he rose a - gain!
breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are
Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of
And as he stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ev - er



stilled, when striv - ings cease! My com - fort - er, my all in
God was sat - is - fied; for ev - 'ry sin on him was
lost its grip on me; for I am his and he is
pluck me from his hand; till he re - turns or calls me



all; here in the love of Christ I stand.
laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.